

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of	:	
DANIEL A. GATELY	:	Art Unit 1621
Filed: January 30, 1998	:	
Serial No.: 09/016,641	:	Examiner: J. Vollano
FOR: SILYLATED AND N-SILYLATED	:	
COMPOUND SYNTHESIS	:	

RESPONSE TO ACTION MAILED MARCH 25, 1999

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1-8 and 14-15 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 9-13 are rejected.

Cancel claims 9 and 13. Add new claim 16 (replaces claim 9) as follows:

--16. A method which comprises:

- (i) reacting a compound including a -CH group with a compound having the formula RM in which R is any hydrocarbyl group and M is an alkali metal in a non-interfering solvent wherein a reaction mixture containing a compound having a -CM group in said solvent is produced;
- (ii) reacting a metallocene ligand with said compound having the formula -CM produced in step (i)